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SUBJECT: PERMREPS LUNCHEON, MARCH 8, 1977

SUMMARY: AT THEIR REGULAR LUNCHEON ON MARCH 8, NATO
PERMREPS DISCUSSED THE FOLLOWING:

1. CSCE COMMISSION.
- W. NAC "PILOT" DISCUSSIONS.
3. NATO INFRASTRUCTURE.
4. NATO AEW.
5. NAC CONSULTATION ON EASTERN EUROPE.
6. SECRETARY VANCE'S BRIEFING.

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7. NATO SUMMIT.
 8. BRIEFING ON SOVIET DEFECTOR BELENKO.
- END SUMMARY

1. CSCE COMMISSION. TINE (FRANCE) EXPRESSED RESERVA-
TIONS REGARDING THE US BRIEFING AT THE PREVIOUS LUNCH
ON THE ROLE OF THE CSCE COMMISSION IN US PREPARATIONS
FOR THE BELGRADE MEETING (STATE 44708). HE SADD THAT
HE WAS CONCERNED NOT SO MUCH BY THE PARTICIPATION OF US
LEGISLATORS IN THE US DELEGATION AT BELGRADE AS BY

THEIR PARTICIPATION IN CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS AT NATO. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THE US RIGHT TO HAVE ON ITS DELEGATIONS ANYONE WHO SERVED AT THE PLEASURE OF THE PRESIDENT, AND POINTED TO THE MANY PRECEDENTS FOR THIS. HE FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT THE CSCE COMMISSION WAS NOT A CONGRESSIONAL BODY, BUT WAS A US GOVERNMENT BODY THAT INCLUDED MEMBERS FROM BOTH THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES. WHEN SOMEONE FROM THE COMMISSION PARTICIPATED IN A US DELEGATION, HE WOULD BE DOING SO AS AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE US. HE FURTHER EXPLAINED THAT COMMISSION STAFF MEMBERS ALSO COULD BE EXPECTED TO ATTEND CSCE EXPERTS MEETINGS AT NATO. KIRCA (TURKEY) AND LAGACOS (GREECE) ALSO NOTED THE RIGHT OF ANY COUNTRY TO BE REPRESENTED BY WHOM IT PLEASES. TINE DID NOT APPEAR CONVINCED, BUT DID NOT PURSUE THE MATTER.

2. NAC "PILOT" DISCUSSIONS. SYG LUNS SUGGESTED FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE PERMREPS A MEANS OF STIMULATING NAC CONSULTATIONS. HE PROPOSED THAT INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES TAKE THE LEAD SERVING AS "PILOT" IN DISCUSSION OF VARIOUS SPECIFIC TOPICS OF INTEREST TO THE NAC. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY WELCOMED LUNS' IDEA, AND WOULD REPORT IT FAVORABLY TO HIS AUTHORITIES. TINE SAID HE HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT LUNS' PROPOSAL. HARDY (CANADA) SAID HE THOUGHT THAT IT WAS A GOOD IDEA, BUT THAT
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CONSULTATIONS SHOULD FLOW NATURALLY FROM EVENTS. KILLICK (UK) NOTED THAT IF THE UK MADE A PRESENTATION ON RHODESIA, FOLLOWED BY NAC DISCUSSION, THAT WOULD SEEM TO BE AN EXAMPLE OF WHAT LUNS WAS SUGGESTING. LUNS CLARIFIED THAT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF HIS SUGGESTION WAS TO ELICIT INFORMATION AND NOT TO COORDINATE POLICY. IN THE PAST, BELGIUM HAD TALKED ABOUT THE CONGO IN THE NAC, FRANCE HAD TALKED ABOUT INDO-CHINA, THE DUTCH HAD TALKED ABOUT INDONESIA. TINE QUESTIONED THE NEED FOR THE KIND OF DISCUSSIONS PROPOSED BY LUNS IN VIEW OF THE FLOW OF EXPERTS REPORTS ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS TO THE NAC. BUSCH (NORWAY) SAID HE WOULD NOT WANT ACADEMIC STUDIES, BUT HOPED THAT ANY "PILOT" DISCUSSIONS WOULD STICK TO NATO NEAR-TERM INTERESTS.

3. NATO INFRASTRUCTURE. LUNS SUGGESTED THAT A PRIVATE MEETING OF PERMREPS BE HELD ON MARCH 16 TO DEAL WITH NATO INFRASTRUCTURE AND WITH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S OFFER IN THE NAC THAT THE US WAS WILLING TO DO MORE IF THE OTHER ALLIES WERE ALSO WILLING TO DO MORE. LUNS' SUGGESTION WAS NOT RECEIVED ENTHUSIASTICALLY EXCEPT BY KILLICK. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT A MEETING

SHOULD BE HELD, BECAUSE WE MUST FINALLY HAVE
A STRAIGHTFORWARD ANSWER REGARDING NATO
INFRASTRUCTURE REQUIREMENTS. HE ASKED, IF WE CANNOT TO THAT,

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HOW CAN WE GIVE A STRAIGHTFORWARD ANSWER TO VICE
PRESIDENT MONDALE'S STATEMENT? LUNS SAID THAT THE
MEETING SHOULD BE HELD, EVEN THOUGH THE DECISIONS
OF CERTAIN COUNTRIES (READ ITALY) HAVE NOT YET
"CRYSTALIZED." PAULS (FRG) SUPPORTED AN EARLY
MEETING. KILLICK EXPRESSED A DESIRE NOT TO
PROCEED ON INFRASTRUCTURE PIECEMEAL.

4. NATO AEW. THE AMBASSADOR
STATED US VIEWS ON AEW MEETING DATES, PER STATE
49128 AND STATE 50516. PAULS EXPRESSED A PREFERENCE
FOR MARCH 21-22 DATES FOR FINANCIAL EXPERTS
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MEETING. HE SAID THAT HE HOPED THE MARCH 15
MEETING BETWEEN LEBER AND SECRETARY BROWN WOULD
HELP LEAD TO A SETTLEMENT OF OUTSTANDING ISSUES.
KILLICK SUPPORTED A CUT-OFF DATE FOR THE SPECIAL
MINISTERIAL OF MARCH 25, SINCE THAT WAS THE DATE

ON WHICH UK WOULD NEED TO INITIATE CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENTS NOT TO PROCEED WITH NIMROD. LUNS PROPOSED DATES OF MARCH 21-22 FOR THE FINANCIAL EXPERTS MEETING, AND MARCH 25 FOR THE MINISTERIAL MEETING. HARDY SAID THAT IT WOULD BE CONSTITUTIONALLY DIFFICULT FOR CANADA TO MAKE DECISIONS IN THE BRIEF PERIOD BETWEEN MARCH 22 AND MARCH 25.

THE DATES PROPOSED BY LUNS REMAIN TO BE CONFIRMED.

5. NAC CONSULTATION ON EASTERN EUROPE. THE AMBASSADOR INFORMED THE PERMREPS THAT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE WILL ATTEND THE MARCH 17 NAC CONSULTATION ON EASTERN EUROPE, PER STATE 50529. KILLICK ANNOUNCED THAT BRIAN CARTLEDGE, HEAD OF SOVIET AND EASTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS IN THE FOREIGN OFFICE, WILL PARTICIPATE. PAULS SAID THAT ANDREAS MEYER-LANDRUT, DEPUTY POLITICAL DIRECTOR IN FOREIGN MINISTRY, WILL ALSO PARTICIPATE.

6. SECRETARY VANCE BRIEFING. SCHUURMANS (BELGIUM) ASKED IF THE AMBASSADOR HAD ANY FURTHER WORD ON WHETHER SECRETARY VANCE WOULD BE BRIEFING THE NAC BEFORE OR AFTER HIS TRIP TO MOSCOW. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER.

7. NATO SUMMIT. THE AMBASSADOR WAS ASKED, IN LIGHT OF RECENT REUTERS' REPORT, WHETHER THE SECRET

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PRESIDENT PLANNED TO ATTEND THE MAY NAC MINISTERIAL. THE AMBASSADOR REPLIED THAT HE HAD NO NEWS FROM WASHINGTON ON THIS SUBJECT.

8. BRIEFING ON SOVIET DEFECTOR BELENKO. TILLISCH (DENMARK) NOTED RECENT NEWS ITEMS THAT BELENKO HAD PROVIDED US INFORMATION ON SUCH MATTERS AS LOW MORALE AND HIGH SUICIDE RATE IN SOVIET MILITARY FORCES. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE US CONSIDER BRIEFING THE ALLIES ON SUCH INFORMATION. (NOTE: TILLISCH MADE CLEAR THAT HE WAS NOT REFERRING TO TECHNICAL INFORMATION ON THE MIG 25, ON WHICH US HAS ALREADY PROVIDED INFORMATION.) COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THE ALLIES WOULD BE INTERESTED IN A BRIEFING OF THE SORT SUGGESTED BY TILLISCH, AND WE RECOMMEND THAT WE BE PROVIDED MATERIAL FOR USE WITH THE ALLIES. END COMMENT ACTION REQUESTED: AN INDICATION IN TIME FOR THE PERMREPS LUNCH ON MARCH 15 AS TO WHETHER THE US WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE SUCH A

BRIEFING.STRAUSZ-HUPE

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